

H. R. 193.

JANUARY 10, 1824,

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House
to-morrow.

A BILL

For the promotion of Internal Improvements in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, au-
4 thorized to convey to any state or states, which shall pro-
5 vide by law for the laying out and completion of any canal or
6 canals, within such state or states, such part of the public lands
7 of the United States which shall be occupied by the route of
8 any such canal or canals, and the necessary towing paths,
9 ditches, aqueducts, locks, culverts, feeders, dams, wasteweirs,
10 or other works connected therewith: *Provided*, That the plan
11 or plans of every such canal, and the works connected there-
12 with, with its route and an estimate and survey of such lands,
13 through which the same shall pass, shall, before the construc-
14 tion of the same through such lands shall be commenced, be
15 laid before the President of the United States for his appro-
16 bation, and no conveyance of any such land shall be made,
17 until such proposed canal or canals be entirely completed, and
18 navigable for boats.